

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ALSTEAD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the year ending December 31, 1954

AND FOR THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

For the year ending June 30, 1954



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## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

NELSON C. BURNHAM

Town Clerk

GRACE ELLIS

Treasurer

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Selectmen

FRANK C. DUSTIN

Term expires 1955

HARRY A. SPOONER

Term expires 1956

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

Term expires 1957

Overseer of Poor

WILLIAM D. HAYES

Road Agent

EARL M. PITCHER

Tax Collector

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Constables

WILLIAM D. HAYES

WILLARD KELLY

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW

HEMAN CHASE

ROYAL CARMAN

EDITH SPOONER

Trustees of Trust Funds

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Term expires 1955

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1956

PEYTON WASHBURN

Term expires 1957

School Board

MARY C. BURROUGHS

Term expires 1955

HERMAN BUSS

Term expires 1956

HORACE A. SEAVEY

Term expires 1957

Library Trustees

EDITH CHASE

Term expires 1955

ALMA RING

Term expires 1955

FRANK C. DUSTIN

Term expires 1956

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1956

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

Term expires 1957

CHAUNCY J. NEWELL

Term expires 1957

Librarian

LAURA N. MacLANE

Fire Commissioners

OWEN H. LIBBY

PAUL MARX

HEMAN CHASE

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls will be open 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

You are hereby notified to meet at Vilas High School in said Alstead on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will raise for old age assistance and for the support of the poor.

4. To see if the town will raise \$8,500.00 for highways and bridges.

5. To see if the town will raise \$1,500.00 to oil the village streets and other town roads that may need it.

6. To see if the town will raise \$1,300.00 for payment on bucket loader note.

7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.

8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

10. To see if the town will raise \$24.00 water rent for watering trough.

11. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for Memorial Day.

12. To see if the town will raise \$1,188.96 for street lights.

13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise \$125.00 for the Elliott Community Hospital. By request.

15. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for the care and maintenance of the town clock.

16. To see if the town will raise \$150.00 for the police department for the protection of persons and property.

17. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for Civilian Defense.

18. To see if the town will raise \$1,500.00 for fire protection and support of the fire company.

19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the purchase of an additional piece of fire equipment and authorize the Fire Commissioners, in conjunction with the Fire Department, to do so.

20. To see if the town will raise \$250.00 to rent and maintain land for a public dump.

21. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$400.00 for the control of Pine Blister rust.

22. To see if the town will vote to have the shade trees sprayed for control of caterpillars and raise \$250.00 for the same.

23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128.00 (1/100 of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

24. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.

25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the support of band concerts.

26. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

27. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

28. To see if the town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$200.00 or more, each, received for the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

29. To see if the town will vote to acquire the old Alstead Village Elementary school and land.

30. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will vote to use monies in the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Town Hall Fund, for the purchase of land and building and for the necessary improvements and repairs.

31. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Fifty-five.

FRANK C. DUSTIN  
HARRY A. SPOONER  
JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT  
Selectmen of Alstead

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRANK C. DUSTIN  
HARRY A. SPOONER  
JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT  
Selectmen of Alstead

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 2,203.43	\$ 2,208.62	\$ 2,000.00
Savings bank tax	357.37	366.38	300.00
Growing wood and timber	3,379.46	3,379.46	3,379.46
From Local Sources except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	256.48	332.17	275.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	78.00	18.00	10.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	300.00	520.69	300.00
Income from trust funds	3,500.00	4,235.05	4,000.00
Income from departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment	259.03	459.75	200.00
Income from municipally owned utilities:			
Electric light departments	18.00	18.00	18.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	3,441.21	3,279.23	3,000.00
Sale of town property	744.14	373.68	100.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2	650.00	582.00	550.00
National bank stock taxes	5.00	2.50	2.50
Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes	\$15,192.12	\$15,775.53	\$14,134.96
Amt. to be raised by property taxes			\$54,395.58
Total Revenues			\$68,530.54



PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries,	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,612.22	\$ 4,800.00
Town officers' expenses			
Election and registration			
expenses			
Municipal court expenses			
Expenses town hall and other town buildings			
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	150.00	125.70	150.00
Fire department	2,350.00	1,426.87	1,500.00
Moth exterm.—blister rust and care of trees	650.00	650.00	650.00
Town clock	25.00	25.00	50.00
Civil defense	50.00	25.00	25.00
Health:			
Town dump and garbage removal	200.00	261.20	250.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance, summer & winter	10,500.00	11,722.43	10,000.00
Street lighting	1,188.96	1,188.96	1,188.96
Town road aid	639.46	639.46	631.42
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	600.00	670.76	1,200.00
Old age assistance	1,000.00	1,032.35	1,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Asso.	50.00	50.00	50.00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
Recreation:			
Parks and playground, including band concerts	350.00	308.20	350.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	628.81	600.00
Rent of water trough	24.00	24.00	24.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and regional asso.	126.00	126.00	128.00
Highways and Bridges:			
State aid, town's share	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	1,473.00	1,473.00	1,300.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	3,443.61	3,443.61	3,443.61
School taxes	43,416.42	43,416.42	38,989.55
Total Expenditures	<u>\$73,636.45</u>	<u>\$73,849.99</u>	<u>\$68,530.54</u>

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### SUMMARY INVENTORY

Of Valuation for the Tax Year 1954

Lands and buildings	\$1,185,235.00
Electric plants	55,066.00
Horses—35	1,225.00
Cows—277	28,410.00
Neat stock—28	1,370.00
Sheep and goats—9	110.00
Fowls—1430	1,070.00
Vehicles—2	3,500.00
Portable mills—6	16,100.00
Wood and lumber	4,500.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,170.00
Stock in trade	34,299.00
Mills and machinery	9,100.00
Total Valuation	\$1,341,155.00
Amount of property valuation exempt to soldiers and blind	57,645.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$1,283,510.00
Average rate of taxation per \$100 valuation for all purposes	\$4.50

### PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN ACQUIRED BY TAX COLLECTOR'S DEEDS

Shadowland lots numbers 81, 82, 89, 40, 41  
 Noble Smith land, about 50 acres of mixed growing wood  
 Keith property, land around Arch or Newell Pond, 60 acres more  
 or less  
 Blake French land  
 Dalbot, Inc., 20 acres, more or less, of growing timber.

### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Frank C. Dustin, selectman	\$ 300.00
Harry A. Spooner, selectman	300.00
John G. Davenport, selectman	300.00
Gilman O. Ellis, tax collector	300.00
Marie A. Radcliffe, treasurer	250.00
Grace E. Ellis, town clerk	250.00
William D. Hayes, overseer of poor	60.00
William D. Hayes, dog constable	25.00

R E P O R T  
of an examination and audit  
of the accounts  
of the  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954  
made by  
**THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**STATE TAX COMMISSION**  
December 9, 1954 — January 10 & 11, 1955

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DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire

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January 17, 1955

Board of Selectmen  
Alstead, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and Vilas Pool.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Comparative Balance Sheets: December 31, 1953 - December 31, 1954:**

(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1953 and December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the Surplus decreased by \$1,720.13 during the year 1954.

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)**

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Surplus	
Long Term Note Issued	\$3,800.00
Yield Tax Abated	29.61
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	2.41
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	1,899.77
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	\$5,731.79
Increases in Surplus	
Long Term Note Paid	\$1,473.00
Net Budget Surplus	2,538.66
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	\$4,011.66
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Net Decrease	\$1,720.13

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures — Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net revenue surplus of \$2,273.76, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$264.90, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,538.66.

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)**

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1954, is indicated in Exhibit F.

**AUDIT PROCEDURE**

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

**GENERAL COMMENTS****Conclusion:**

The accounts and records of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to prescribed methods.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Alstead for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor  
JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU, Accountant

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DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire  
January 17, 1955

**CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954 and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1954, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor  
JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU, Accountant

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
 Comparative Balance Sheets  
 Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1953 and 1954

	<b>Assets</b>	
	December 31, 1953	December 31, 1954
Cash:		
General Fund	\$23,532.60	\$30,389.95
In Hands of Town Clerk	2.91	.50
	<hr/> \$23,535.51	<hr/> \$30,390.45
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Town Hall	10,226.63	10,226.63
Accounts Due Town:		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Bounties	77.50	87.50
Reimbursement acct. Exemption		
Growing Wood and Timber	1,899.77	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1953		\$ 454.21
Levy of 1952	\$ 494.32	432.85
Levy of 1951	466.40	
	<hr/> \$ 960.72	<hr/> \$ 887.06
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1954		\$13,843.06
Levy of 1953	\$12,537.13	22.89
Levy of 1951	43.30	
	<hr/> \$12,580.43	<hr/> \$13,865.95
State Head Taxes:		
Levy of 1954		\$ 590.00
Levy of 1953	\$ 500.00	
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Total Assets	\$49,780.56	\$56,047.59
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Grand Total	\$49,780.56	\$56,047.59



**Liabilities**

	December 31, 1953	December 31, 1954
Unexpended Balances Special Appropriations:		
State Aid Construction	\$ 5,594.00	\$ 7,594.00
Town Doctor	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 6,594.00	<hr/> \$ 8,594.00
Due State of New Hampshire:		
Acct. Head Taxes Uncollected	\$ 500.00	\$ 590.00
Acct. Head Taxes Collected and Not Remitted	238.50	197.50
	<hr/> \$ 738.50	<hr/> \$ 787.50
Due School District:		
Balance of Appropriations	\$24,805.26	\$28,416.42
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Town Hall	\$10,226.63	\$10,226.63
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
New Truck and Plow	\$ 1,473.00	
New Bucket Loader		\$ 3,800.00
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Total Liabilities	\$43,837.39	\$51,824.55
Surplus	5,943.17	4,223.04
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Grand Total	\$49,780.56	\$56,047.59

**EXHIBIT B****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Analysis of Change in Surplus**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Surplus—December 31, 1953	\$5,943.17
Surplus—December 31, 1954	4,223.04

Decrease in Surplus	\$1,720.13
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**Factors Affecting Change in Surplus**

Decrease in Surplus:	
Long Term Note Issued	\$3,800.00
Yield Tax Abated	29.61
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	2.41
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	1,899.77
	<hr/> \$5,731.79
Increase in Surplus:	
Long Term Note Paid	\$1,473.00
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	2,538.66
	<hr/> \$4,011.66

Net Decrease	\$1,720.13
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# EXHIBIT C TOWN OF ALSTEAD

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Forwarded from 1953	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Uncollected	Overdrafts	Assets	Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries		\$ 4,800.00	\$ 182.08	\$ 4,982.08	\$ 2,301.91	\$ 369.86			
Town Officers' Expenses					1,946.06				
Election and Registration					356.45				
Town Hall and Other Buildings					7.80				
Police Department		150.00		150.00	125.70	24.30			
Fire Department, including Forest Fires		2,350.00	5.88	2,355.88	1,426.87	929.01			
Blister Rust, Moth Exterm- ination, Care of Trees		650.00	.45	650.45	650.00	.45			
Civilian Defense		50.00		50.00	6.98	43.02			
Town Clock		25.00		25.00	25.00				
Health Department, Doctor	\$ 1,000.00	200.00	50.00	1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	
Town Dump		639.46		639.46	261.20		\$ 11.20		
Town Road Aid					639.46				

Forwarded to 1955

Town Maintenance	8,500.00	137.50				
Oiling	2,000.00		10,637.50	11,722.43		1,084.93
Street Lighting	1,188.96		1,188.96	1,188.96		
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,032.35		32.35
Town Poor	600.00		600.00	670.76		70.76
Memorial Day	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	350.00		350.00	308.20	41.80	
Rent of Water Trough	24.00		24.00	24.00		
Cemeteries	600.00		600.00	628.81		28.81
Advertising and Regional Association	126.00		126.00	126.00		
Pay't on Principal of Debt	1,473.00		1,473.00	1,473.00		
State Aid Construction	5,594.00		7,594.00			7,594.00
Bounties				87.50		\$ 87.50
County Tax	3,443.61		3,443.61	3,443.61		
School District:						
1953-54 Appropriation	24,805.26		24,805.26	24,805.26		
1954-55 Appropriation	43,416.42		43,416.42	15,000.00		28,416.42
Overlay	154.33		154.33	66.75	87.58	
Long Term Note Issued		3,800.00	3,800.00	3,803.07		3.07
	\$31,399.26	\$73,790.78	\$4,175.91	\$109,365.95	\$72,178.13	\$1,231.12
					\$1,496.02	\$ 87.50
						\$37,010.42

**EXHIBIT D**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and  
Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Source	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 2,203.43	\$ 2,208.62	\$ 5.19	
Savings Bank Tax	357.37	366.38	9.01	
Reimbursement acct. ex-emption of Growing Wood and Timber	3,379.46	3,379.46		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,441.21	3,279.23		\$ 161.98
Dog Licenses	256.48	332.17	75.69	
Business Licenses and Permits	78.00	18.00		60.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	259.03	459.75	200.72	
Interest on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	4,404.91	4,755.74	350.83	
Water and Electricity Departments	18.00	18.00		
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	744.14	373.68		370.46
Head Tax Collection Fees	112.30	69.55		42.75
Refunds		10.00	10.00	
Reimbursement acct. Ex-emption of Growing Wood and Timber - 1953 acct.		1,929.38	1,929.38	
Added Taxes		328.13	328.13	
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	\$15,254.33	\$17,528.09	\$2,908.95	\$ 635.19

**Budget Summary**

Actual Revenues	\$17,528.09	
Estimated Revenues	15,254.33	
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Net Revenue Surplus		\$2,273.76
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	1,496.02	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	1,231.12	
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Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$ 264.90
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Net Budget Surplus		\$2,538.66

**EXHIBIT E**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

**Receipts**

From Local Taxes.

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$45,669.49	
Poll Taxes	582.00	
Yield Taxes	75.00	
Head Taxes	1,770.00	
	—————	\$48,096.49

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$11,354.92	
Poll Taxes	132.00	
Yield Taxes	1,012.26	
Head Taxes	435.00	
	—————	\$12,934.18

Interest on Taxes	520.00	
Penalties on Head Taxes	51.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed	660.13	
	—————	\$62,262.49

From State:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,208.62	
Savings Bank Tax	366.38	

Reimbursement acct. Exemption  
of Growing Wood and Timber:

1953 Account	\$ 1,929.38	
1954 Account	2,036.49	
	—————	\$ 3,965.87

Fighting Forest Fire	2.79	
Bounties	77.50	
Head Tax Expense Reimbursement	28.84	
	—————	\$ 6,650.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 332.17
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	18.00
Rent of Town Property	70.00
Income from Trust Funds	4,235.05
Income from Departments	583.13
Motor Vehicle Permits	3,279.23

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Long Term Notes Issued	\$ 3,800.00
Refunds	28.45
Sale of Town Property	373.68
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$81,632.20
Balance, December 31, 1953	23,532.60
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Grand Total	\$105,164.80

## Expenditures

## General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,301.91	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,835.06	
Election and Registration	356.45	
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	7.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,501.22

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$ 125.70	
Fire	1,426.87	
Moth Extermination and Blister Rust	650.00	
Bounties	87.50	
Damage by Dogs	5.00	
Civil Defense	6.98	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,302.05

Health: Town Dump 261.20

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 639.46	
Street Lighting	1,188.96	
General Expenses of Highway Department	11,722.43	
	<hr/>	\$13,550.85

## Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$1,032.35	
Town Poor	670.76	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,703.11

## Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	50.00
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## Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 128.20	
Band Concerts	180.00	
	<hr/>	308.20

## Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries		628.81
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## Unclassified:

Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 586.47	
Advertising and Regional Associations	126.00	
Town Clock	25.00	
Rent—Water Trough	24.00	
	<hr/>	761.47

## Interest:

Paid on Long Term Notes		106.00
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New Equipment, highway		3,803.07
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## Indebtedness:

Payments on Long Term Notes		1,473.00
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## Payments—Other Governmental Divisions:

County Tax	\$3,443.61	
Head Taxes:		
1953 Levy	\$ 653.50	
1954 Levy	1,423.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,077.00

## School District:

1953-54 Approp.	\$24,805.26	
1954-55 Approp.	15,000.00	
	<hr/>	39,805.26
	<hr/>	45,325.87

Total Payments for All Purposes		<hr/> \$ 74,774.85
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Balance - December 31, 1954		30,389.95
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Grand Total		<hr/> \$105,164.80
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**EXHIBIT F****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and  
Proof of Treasurer's Balance****Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

Balance - December 31, 1953	\$23,532.60	
Receipts during Year	81,632.20	
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	\$105,164.80	
Expenditures during Year	74,774.85	
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Balance - December 31, 1954		\$30,389.95
<b>Proof of Balance</b>		
Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Co., Bellows Falls, Vt. - per Statement dated December 31, 1954	\$31,364.86	
Add: Deposit Not Credited, Jan. 3, 1955	619.97	
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	\$31,984.83	
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,594.88	
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Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1954		\$30,389.95

**EXHIBIT G****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Summary of Warrant - Levy of 1954  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954****Debits**

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$57,757.95	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	
Poll Taxes	776.00	
Yield Taxes	1,342.97	
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	\$59,879.42	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$ 316.13	
Poll Taxes	8.00	
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	324.13	
Interest Collected		1.05
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Total Debits		\$60,204.60



**Credits**

## Remittances to Treasurer:

Acct. Property Taxes - including	
National Bank Stock	\$45,669.49
Acct. Poll Taxes	582.00
Acct. Yield Taxes	75.00
Acct. Interest	1.05
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	\$46,327.54

## By Abatements:

Poll Taxes	34.00
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## Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$12,407.09
Poll Taxes	168.00
Yield Taxes	1,267.97
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	13,843.06

Total Credits	<hr/>	\$60,204.60
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**EXHIBIT G-1****TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

## Summary of Warrants - Levies of Prior Years

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	<b>Debits</b>	<b>Levies of</b>
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1953:	1953	1951
Property Taxes	\$11,370.67	
Poll Taxes	154.00	
Yield Taxes	1,012.46	\$ 43.30
Added Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest Collected	422.08	6.45
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Total Debits	\$12,963.21	\$ 49.75
	<b>Credits</b>	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Acct. Property Taxes	\$11,354.92	
Acct. Poll Taxes	132.00	
Acct. Yield Taxes	968.96	\$ 43.30
Acct. Interest	422.08	6.45
By Abatements:		
Property Taxes	6.75	
Poll Taxes	26.00	
Yield Taxes	29.61	
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1954:		
Property Taxes	9.00	
Yield Taxes	13.89	
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Total Credits	\$12,963.21	\$ 49.75

**EXHIBIT G-2****TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Tax Sale Account  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

**Debits**

		Levies of		
	1953	1952	1951	Total
Unredeemed Taxes -				
Dec. 31, 1953		\$ 494.32	\$ 466.40	\$ 960.72
Tax Sale - Aug. 1954	\$ 586.47			586.47
Interest and Costs				
after Sale	1.45	8.97	80.69	91.11
Total Debits	\$ 587.92	\$ 503.29	\$ 547.09	\$1,638.30

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:				
Acct. Redemptions	\$ 132.26	\$ 61.47	\$ 466.40	\$ 660.13
Acct. Int. and Costs	1.45	8.97	80.69	91.11
Unredeemed Taxes - Dec.				
31, 1954	454.21	432.85	0.00	887.06
Total Credits	\$ 587.92	\$ 503.29	\$ 547.09	\$1,638.30

**EXHIBIT G-3****TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of State Head Taxes - Levies of 1953 and 1954  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

**Debits**

	Levies of:	
	1953	1954
Uncollected Head Taxes - Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 500.00	
Head Taxes Committed to Collector		\$2,430.00
Added Head Taxes	10.00	20.00
Penalties Collected	43.50	7.50
Total Debits	\$ 553.50	\$2,457.50

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Acct. Head Taxes	\$ 435.00	\$1,770.00
Acct. Penalties	43.50	7.50
By Abatements	75.00	90.00
Uncollected Head Taxes, Dec. 31, 1954	0.00	590.00
Total Credits	\$ 553.50	\$2,457.50

**EXHIBIT H**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
 Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Dog License  
 Accounts  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<b>Debits</b>	
Cash on Hand - Dec. 31, 1953:	
Acct. Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ .08
Acct. Dog Licenses	1.83
Acct. Penalties	1.00
	<hr/> \$ 2.91
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	
1953—No. 1746-No. 1761	\$ 20.13
1954—No. 1251-No. 1724	3,253.26
1955—No. 1451	6.26
	<hr/> 3,279.65
Dog Licenses Issued:	
20 @ \$5.00	\$ 100.00
108 @ \$2.00	216.00
1 @ \$1.65	1.65
1 @ \$1.50	1.50
1 @ \$1.34	1.34
2 @ \$1.25	2.50
1 @ \$ .75	.75
1 kennel @ \$7.50	7.50
	<hr/> \$ 331.24
Less: Fees Retained	27.40
	<hr/> \$ 303.84
Penalties Collected	25.50
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Total Debits	\$3,611.90
<b>Credits</b>	
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Acct. Motor Vehicle	\$3,279.23
Acct. Dog Licenses	305.67
Acct. Penalties	26.50
	<hr/> \$3,611.40
Cash on Hand:	
Acct. Motor Vehicles	.50
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Total Credits	\$3,611.90

**EXHIBIT I****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Summary of Road Agent's Payroll Account and  
Proof of Balance****Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

Balance - December 31, 1953	0.00	
Transfers to Payroll Account from General Fund	\$11,722.43	
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	\$11,722.43	
Expenditures during Year	11,590.13	
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Balance - December 31, 1954		\$ 132.30
<b>Proof of Balance</b>		
Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Co., Bellows Falls, Vt., per Statement dated December 31, 1954	\$ 182.90	
Add: Deposit of January 3, 1955	290.50	
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	\$ 473.40	
Less: Outstanding Checks	341.10	
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Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1954		\$ 132.30

**EXHIBIT J****TOWN OF ALSTEAD.****Summary of Vilas Pool Account and Proof of Balance****Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

Balance    December 31, 1953	\$3,634.66	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Vilas Estate	\$3,343.67	
Interest from Savings Bank account	69.78	
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	\$3,413.45	
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	\$7,048.11	
Expenditures	2,534.42	
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Balance - December 31, 1954		\$4,513.69
<b>Proof of Balance</b>		
Balance in The Connecticut River National Bank, per Statement dated November 26, 1954	\$ 7.14	
Add: Deposit Not Credited, Dec. 10, 1954	1,715.20	
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	\$1,722.34	

Less: Outstanding Checks	173.67
Reconciled Checking Account Balance	<u>\$1,548.67</u>
Balance in The Savings Bank of Walpole, Dec. 31, 1954, Pass Book No. 11595	2,965.02
	<u>\$4,513.69</u>

**EXHIBIT K**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account  
and Proof of Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

**Debits**

Balance - December 31, 1953	\$ 5,400.66
Receipts during Period:	
Savings Bank Int. (contra)	\$ 247.48
Savings Bank Interest	691.26
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds (contra)	140.00
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	330.00
Dividends:	
Bellows Falls Trust Co.	3.00
Massachusetts Investors Trust	357.24
Government Bonds Matured	10,000.00
	<u>\$11,768.98</u>
	\$17,169.64

**Credits**

Expenditures during Year:	
Savings Bank Int. (contra)	\$ 247.48
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds (contra)	140.00
Labor	1,223.48
Materials	32.39
New Equipment	76.90
Flowers	20.00
Miscellaneous	23.10
New Investments	10,600.00
	<u>\$12,363.35</u>
	\$ 4,806.29

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in The Keene National Bank, per Statement dated December 31, 1954	\$ 4,806.29
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## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Principal Balance Dec. 31, 1933	Capital Gains	Income Added to Principal	Balance Dec. 31, 1934	Balance Dec. 31, 1933	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Dec. 31, 1934	Balance of Principal & Interest Dec. 31, 1934
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,262.00			\$ 5,262.00		\$ 159.04	\$ 159.04		\$ 5,262.00
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19			2,465.19		74.51	74.51		2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00			500.00		15.11	15.11		500.00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00			5,650.00		141.50	141.50		5,650.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Town Hall	10,226.63		\$ 309.09	10,535.72		309.09	309.09		10,535.72
Cemetery Trust Funds	41,768.32	\$ 57.84		41,826.16	\$ 4,800.66	1,360.50	1,354.87	\$ 4,806.29	46,632.45
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00			606.00		18.32	18.32		606.00
	<u>\$66,478.14</u>	<u>\$ 57.84</u>	<u>\$ 309.09</u>	<u>\$66,845.07</u>	<u>\$ 4,800.66</u>	<u>\$ 2,078.07</u>	<u>\$ 2,072.44</u>	<u>\$ 4,806.29</u>	<u>\$ 71,651.36</u>
<b>Investments</b>									
Walpole Savings Bank			\$33,046.88						
Cheshire County Savings Bank			6,598.15						
New Hampshire Savings Bank			606.00						
Amoskeag Savings Bank			1,645.98						
Sugar River Savings Bank			1,542.11						
U. S. Savings Bonds, series "G"			8,800.00						
Massachusetts Investors Trust			6,048.06						
Public Service Company of New Hampshire			3,114.89						
National City Bank of New York			5,343.00						
Bellevue Falls Trust Co.			100.00						
Keene National Bank, checking account			4,806.29						
			<u>4,806.29</u>						<u>\$ 71,651.36</u>

**EXHIBIT M****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Town Officers' Surety Bonds  
1954**

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
<b>Town Clerk:</b>			
Grace Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-183015	\$1,000.00	Mar. 9, 1954
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>			
Marie Radcliffe			
Peerless Casualty Company	S-62626	\$8,000.00	Mar. 9, 1954
<b>Tax Collector:</b>			
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-91340	\$9,300.00	Mar. 9, 1954
<b>Road Agent:</b>			
Earl M. Pitcher			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-91342	\$1,000.00	Mar. 9, 1954
<b>Constables:</b>			
William D. Hayes			
Peerless Casualty Company	S-17724	\$1,000.00	Mar. 9, 1954
Willard C. Kelley			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-150106	\$1,000.00	Mar. 9, 1954
<b>Trustees of Trust Funds:</b>			
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151099	\$6,200.00	Mar. 9, 1954
Peyton R. H. Washburn			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151101	\$6,200.00	Mar. 9, 1954
Edith F. Provost			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151100	\$6,200.00	Mar. 9, 1954

## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

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The past year the usual work has been done such as culverts, gravel and brush cutting. Have got some gravel on quite a lot of the back roads, the Bacon road, South Wood road, James Howard and Sydney Pratt roads, Log Cabin and other roads. A number of culverts were put in. A bridge in South Woods had to be replaced, the bridge at Caman's replanked and new rails. The bridge in Rhoades district replaced, with concrete abutments, steel stringers and replanked.

Our equipment is in very good condition at this time. The grader and truck should be painted this spring and a little work done on them. Our bucket loader is a wonderful little machine and is in good condition.

The use of calcium chloride was successful and I think, much appreciated.

I wish to thank any and all who have been of assistance during the past year. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Received from Rent of Truck and Grader:

State of N. H., rent of grader	\$ 220.50
Leo D. Keefe, labor and patch	5.00
Reed Pelton, rent of truck and gravel	6.00
Town of Langdon, rent of grader	72.50
State of N. H., rent of grader	26.25
Louise Phipps, rent of truck	3.00
Will Gilman, rent of truck and gravel	6.75
Charlie Simmons, rent of truck and gravel	5.50
Gilman Ellis, rent of truck and gravel	5.50
Mr. Quinn, rent of truck and gravel	6.75
Marie Radcliffe, rent of truck, gravel and salt	11.80
John Paligo, rent of loader	5.00
Frank Monty, rent of truck and gravel	5.50
Don Murray, rent of truck	6.00
H. B. Huntley & Son, rent of truck and gravel	38.50
Hugh J. Talbot, rent of grader	15.00
Fred Griffith, gravel	1.00
Louise Phipps, rent of truck	3.00
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	\$ 443.55

### Reimbursements

State of New Hampshire, gas tax refund	137.50
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## Summary of Expenditures

Earl M. Pitcher, labor	\$ 2,542.50
Wm. D. Hayes, labor	1,075.40
Dana Aiken, labor	809.00
Maurice Pitcher, labor	30.00
Reginald Howard, labor	24.00
Paul Walker, labor	3.60
Francis Stevens, labor	25.00
George Comtock, labor	29.00
William Renz, labor	7.00
James McLean, labor	4.00
Ralph Welch, labor	4.00
Marie Radcliffe, insurance	396.08
Cray Oil Co., oil and fuel	60.80
Union Steel Co., snow plow and grader blades	112.05
Alstead Garage, gas and repairs	1,121.60
Alstead Garage, 1 900-20 tire	103.32
Kmic's Garage, welding	32.74
George Comstock, gravel	108.50
Ray Stevens, gravel	8.00
Robert Dunlap, plowing snow	157.50
Robert Trask, bulldozer	80.50
Scott Machinery Inc., parts for truck	250.91
Huntley Rake Co., repairs for rake	42.49
Robert Putnam, power saw	4.50
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	269.52
Marx Hardware, hardware	15.24
Howard Hardware Co., tools	10.30
Walpole Highway Dept., labor on culvert	13.50
Keene Sand & Gravel Inc., patch for blacktop	232.00
International Salt Co., salt	244.80
State of N. H., treasurer, chloride for dust	203.81
Charlie M. Howard, tractor and mover	108.00
C. J. LaFrank, lumber for bridges	345.71
Earl Pitcher, cash paid and rent	122.50
Arthur Whitcomb, concrete for bridges	535.50
Herbert Westcott, carpenter on bridge	84.75
Merrimack Farmers Ex., paint for bridge	3.70
Town of Walpole Dept., equipment, labor and 9,600 gals. road tar	2,500.61
Total	\$11,722.43

Respectfully submitted,

EARL M. PITCHER, Road Agent

## ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Fire Department was able to complete all of its projects for 1954 and keep well within its budget. Fortunately for all of us there were not many fires. Other than brush and chimney fires there were only three calls—involving buildings. Two were successfully brought under control. The third, a camp, was too far gone by the time the call came in.

During the course of the year, careful review was made of our equipment. It was found that the Model T Ford truck was not worth repairing, and that no use could be found for the old wooden pumper stored in a barn. It was decided to sell both items. A circular was prepared giving a full description of both, and mailed to numerous persons interested in such items. We received a fine response to the circular and eventually succeeded in selling them at a good price.

To give our present truck more speed and power in getting up hills, a two-speed rear-end was installed. This enables it to get to Alstead Center and East Alstead in much better time.

Relative to additional equipment needed in order to give the town proper and maximum protection at all times, an article has been placed in the warrant for a tank truck to replace the Model T. Ford. Such a truck would be able to deliver up to six hundred gallons of water directly to the fire and greatly help in fighting the all-important first five to ten minutes of a fire. In conferring with other towns, it has been learned that such a tank truck is the most valuable and efficient type of supplementary equipment. It has shown its efficiency many times in getting and keeping a fire under control while additional equipment and water is brought into play.

PAUL MARX

Fire Commissioner

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## ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Granite State Elec. Co.	\$ 16.50
Harry Hartwell, supplies	6.50
Alstead Garage, gas oil and repairs	290.20
Nelson C. Burnham, installation alarm system	125.40
Kane and Healy, oil	167.43
Gordon Gowen, plowing snow	4.50
New Hampshire Fire & Safety Equip. Co.	46.20
Marie A. Radcliffe, insurance	265.65
Julius W. Christie, printing	2.50

C. H. Metcalf, postage and cards		20.52
Marx Hardware, supplies		1.80
Southern Twin State Mutual Aid Ass'n. dues		5.00
Mt. Kilburn Paper Co.		2.70
Eastern Fire Equipment Co.		45.41
Bellows Falls Fire Dept.		52.50
Hotel Alstead, meals Bellows Falls Fire Dept.		6.60
Chase's, supplies		2.20
C. H. Metcalf, refund and salary		30.00
Salaries		335.26
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		\$1,426.87
1954 Appropriation	\$2,350.00	
Reimbursement	5.88	
Payments		\$1,426.87
Unexpended Balance		929.01
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	\$2,355.88	\$2,355.88

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## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

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Town Poor: Amount raised	\$ 600.00	
Paid Mary Burroughs, care of Bernice Willis		\$ 215.00
Reginald Howard, groceries		80.00
Donald Putnam, groceries		164.85
Gladys Long, groceries		100.00
Aid to soldier, groceries and transportation		110.91
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	\$ 600.00	\$ 670.76
Overdraft		\$ 70.76
Old Age Assistance:		
Amount raised	\$1,000.00	
Amount paid		\$1,032.35
Overdraft		\$ 32.35

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM D. HAYS,  
Overseer of Poor

# REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1954

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Library	Expend Schools	Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,262.00	\$ 159.04		\$ 138.04	\$ 21.00	
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19	74.51	\$ 74.51			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00	141.50	141.50			
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00	15.11	15.11			
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00	18.32		18.32		
Cemetery Trust Funds	41,826.16	1,360.50			1,469.76	\$ 4,691.40
Capital Reserve Fund,						
Alstead Town Hall	10,226.63	309.09				10,535.72
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	\$66,535.98	\$2,078.07	\$ 231.12	\$ 156.36	\$1,490.76	\$15,227.12

NOTE: As the Trustees of Trust Funds control neither the Principal nor the Income of the Shedd-Porter Library Fund, no report of that fund will be made by the Trustees of Trust Funds.

PEYTON R. H. WASHBURN  
EDITH F. PROVOST  
GILMAN O. ELLIS

Trustees of Trust Funds

# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over- drawn
Holbrook	\$ 200.00			\$ 6.51	\$ 6.51		
Wells & Smith	510.00			16.59	15.30	\$ 1.29	
Edith Kimball	200 00			6.51	6.51		
Gibson	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Browne	500.00			16.26	15.00	1.26	
Lovell	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Elwell	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Porter-Wentworth	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Banks	100.00			3.25	3.25		
J. C. Kimball	500.00		\$ 1.00	16.26	17.26		
Mary A. Dinsmore	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Milliken-Hooper	1,100.00		58.46	35.78	15.00	79.24	
Shepard	100.00		.25	3.25	3.50		
Hatch-Graves	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Emerson	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Breed-Greene	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Wood	100.00			3.25	3.25		
E. M. Smith	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Glover	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Fay	100.00		.25	3.25	3.50		

Name of Fund	Principal	drawn Over-	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	drawn Over-
W. W. Dinsmore	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Vilas	1,000.00			32.53	32.53		
Edmund Blake	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Proctor-Merriam	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Fred L. Prentiss	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Vine Porter	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Charles E. Cook	100.00			3.25	3.25		
W. W. Colburn	250.00			8.13	8.13		
A. W. Patridge	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Elizabeth O. Rogers	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Lucy J. Porter	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Belt-French	100.00	\$ 4.90		3.25	3.25		\$ 4.90
John J. Chandler	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Wallace	100.00		2.61	3.25	3.25	2.61	
Eveline A. Hatch	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Charles H. Cook	100.00		2.61	3.25	3.25	2.61	
John V. Greene	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Harlan P. Ware	300.00			9.76	9.76		
Marshall F. Bragg	100.00			3.25	3.25		
William Cheever	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Samuel Watts	100.00			3.25	3.25		

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over- drawn
Charles E. Kent	200.00			3.25	3.25		
Charles L. Linsley	100.00			3.25	3.25		
A. E. Wilder	200.00			6.51	6.51		
George Newell	100.00			3.25	3.25		
John S. Chivers	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Mary Ellen Hills	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Burge-Stillings	100.00			3.25	3.25		
John R. Jeffs	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Charles Ellis	100.00	2.90		3.25	3.25	588.58	2.90
Wilder Brothers	6,000.00		1,052.05	195.18	658.65		
Mary J. Elliott	10,116.16		1,912.43	329.10	2,093.00		
Hiram E. Page	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Frank E. Trow	100.00			3.25	3.25	34.44	
Amy V. Bontecou	600.00		29.92	19.52	15.00		
J. Franklin Weaver	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Hattie J. Mitchell	500.00		16.73	16.26	15.00	17.99	
Ryder-Clark	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Geo. & Nancy Wilder	10,000.00		1,672.97	325.32	180.55	1,817.74	
John H. Allen	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Hovey-Allison	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Harlan J. Pratt	100.00			3.25	3.25		

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over- drawn
David Clay	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Miller	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Willis E. Crabtree	500.00		49.28	16.26	15.00	50.54	
George E. Porter	100.00			3.25	3.25		
George E. Cater	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Newell-MacLane	100.00			3.25	3.25		
W. F. Gilman	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Eliz. A. Mitchell	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Heywood	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Elmer B. Rhoades	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Milton C. Dodge	100.00			3.25	3.25		
William G. Baer	200.00		7.68	6.51	6.51	7.68	
Washburn-Sevrens	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Walter E. Wilson	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Herbert W. Greene	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Milan F. Greene	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Gowan-Dickey	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Harry W. Jewett	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Oliver Pratt	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Charles French	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Burton G. Dana	100.00			3.25	3.25		



Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over- drawn
George C. Dinsmore	100.00			3.25	3.25		
James A. Labaree	100.00		2.22	3.25	3.25	2.22	
John W. Goss	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Florence Forrestall	250.00			8.13	8.13		
Harriet Holden	300.00			9.76	9.76		
Dinsmore-Mack	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Ernest A. Parker	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Lenna J. Dickey	100.00			3.25	3.25		
Samuel C. Savory	200.00			6.51	6.51		
Webster	200.00			6.51	6.51		
	<u>\$41,826.16</u>	<u>\$ 7.80</u>	<u>\$4,808.46</u>	<u>\$1,360.50</u>	<u>\$1,469.76</u>	<u>\$4,699.20</u>	<u>\$ 7.80</u>
			7.80	4,800.66	4,691.40	7.80	
			<u>\$4,800.66</u>	<u>\$6,161.16</u>	<u>\$6,161.16</u>	<u>\$4,691.40</u>	
						\$4,691.40	

Cash on hand December 31st, 1954

PEYTON R. H. WASHBURN  
EDITH F. PROVOST  
GILMAN O. ELLIS  
Trustees of Trust Funds

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD- PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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As your librarian, I hereby submit my ninth annual report.

For the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library, the big event of the year has been the redecorating of the inside of the building. It has been repainted for the first time since it was built and is worth traveling several miles to see the artistic stencils on the walls.

The activities of previous years, that is, the story hour on Saturday afternoons in January and February led by Miss Laura Edney, the entertaining of the pupils of the first six grades of the Alstead School and the first three grades of the Langdon School during Book Week, Nov. 14 to 20, were continued.

The circulation of books and magazines in 1954 was less than in 1953. Perhaps the watching of television is the reason for the decline in reading.

Number of books added by purchase	321
Number of books added by gift	6
Number of Magazines	33
Daily papers	1
Weekly papers	2

Record of circulation of books and magazines:

Fiction	4,442
Non-fiction	866
Juvenile	2,412
Magazines	2,060

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9,780

LAURA N. MACLANE  
Librarian

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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Received from the Shedd-Porter Fund	\$2,361.31
Received from the Warren Fund	141.50
Received from the Carpenter Fund	15.11
Received from the Kimball Fund	74.51
Received from Bond Interest	25.00
Received from Series "C" Bond matured	500.00
Received from Selectmen—rent of office	180.00
Received from Water Rents	221.66

Received from Gaylord Bros. refund	15.05	
Received from sale of chairs	25.00	
Transferred from Savings Bank of Walpole	800.00	
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	\$4,359.14	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	2,512.17	
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	\$6,871.31	
Payments		\$6,635.94
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954		235.37
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	\$6,871.31	\$6,871.31
Payments:		
Salaries:		
Librarian	\$ 999.84	
Ass't. Librarian	24.00	
Janitor	480.00	
Treasurer	35.00	
Books	740.95	
Magazines and Newspapers	112.50	
Fuel	438.35	
Water System	18.00	
Telephone	84.51	
Electricity	98.16	
Unclassified	243.63	
Gordon F. Bell, decorating	1,861.00	
Transferred to Savings Bank of Walpole	500.00	
Transferred to Sugar River Savings Bank	1,000.00	
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	\$6,635.94	
Other Assets:		
Series "G" Bond	\$	500.00
Savings Bank of Walpole		5,497.51
Sugar River Savings Bank		1,005.83
Uncollected Water Rents		12.00

EDITH F. PROVOST

Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Funds and find them correct.

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Auditor

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

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To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Vilas School Auditorium in said district on the 5th day of March, 1955 at 8:00 in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,550 to be added to the budget for the purpose of paying \$3,000 for bonds that become due and the \$1,550 interest on the elementary school bonds that are payable in the school year 1955-1956.

10. To see if the district will authorize the expenditure of \$3,812.50 from unexpended balance for the purpose of paying for grade school bonds and interest due for payment June 1, 1955.

11. To see what disposition, if any, the voters of the Alstead School District will authorize and empower the Alstead School Board to make of any right title, and-or interest that the school district has or may have in and to the land, and-or buildings of the East Alstead School so-called.

12. To see what disposition, if any, the voters of the Alstead School District will authorize and empower the Alstead School Board to make of any right, title, and-or interest that the school district has or may have in and to the land and-or buildings of the Village Elementary School so-called.

13. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of school busses; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes and-or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes and bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principle and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, New Hampshire Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year Ending, June 30, 1954

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To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my annual report as your superintendent of schools:

At the School District meeting in March 1954 the School Board was authorized to build a six-room elementary school. The citizens of Alstead are to be congratulated. The building has been in operation since November first, 1954 serving the children of Alstead. It has relieved congestion in the high school and your children are now receiving their education in a modern building that is a credit to the community.

The Building Committee deserves the thanks of the community for the considerable help given to the School Board.

The approximate totals of the expenditures for construction and equipping this new building will be found at the end of this report. At this writing, these figures are not exact and a final report will appear at a later date. The usual estimate of new buildings is approximately \$15,000 per room for construction and \$1,000 per room for equipment; that Alstead was able to build an unusually well constructed and functional building at an approximate saving of \$25,000 is due in large measure to the efforts of Mr. Horace Seavey, a member of your School Board. The community of Alstead is fortunate to have a citizen who is willing to give of his time and his knowledge in order that the community can have a modern new school at such a low cost.

The enrollment continues to increase although the increase this year is not as great as last year. There has been an increase of 10% in the last two years. Thanks to our new school, it appears that we will be able to take care of the expected increases in enrollment.

Increased enrollment is a national situation, as is the shortage of qualified teachers. The best current estimates show that it is statistically impossible to get enough qualified teachers to staff our schools fully in any one year between now and 1964. The law of supply and demand is causing a considerable increase in teacher's salaries.

During the past three years there has been a considerable change in text books in the schools. Some of these changes have been necessary because of increased enrollment, others have been

made in an effort to give the pupils books that are up to date. When the changes have been made that are contemplated for next year, our text book situation will have been greatly improved.

Ability and achievement tests are being used as in the past two years. A battery of tests administered and scored by University of New Hampshire personnel are being given to pupils in grades nine and eleven. The test results are proving to be of considerable assistance in helping pupils to make the right choices of high school subjects. They are also very helpful in providing information that aids pupils in shaping their vocational plans.

It may be possible to accomplish a saving in transportation cost if the school district owned and operated its school busses. Certain areas cannot be served by busses as the roads are not accessible to busses and it is less costly to pay tuition and short-haul transportation for certain pupils who live near the town line. However, coordination of three routes into two routes with forty-eight passenger busses is worthy of study and consideration.

The Alstead teachers have met once a month with the teachers of Supervisory Union 60 for the purpose of sharing information, studying ways and means of improving teaching methods and strengthening the curriculum. This year, particular emphasis has been placed on the study of mathematics, teaching methods and the teaching of mathematics fundamentals. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, the Alstead teachers, will participate in a Reading Workshop to be held in Walpole for three days during the February vacation.

Many schools have added auto driving as a part of their curriculum, not primarily to teach the rudimentary mechanics of auto driving but for the purpose of teaching that driving an automobile is a responsibility, to teach safe driving habits and to develop a driver who has a mental attitude that makes him or her a safe driver. It is a rather expensive course when considered from a per capita basis but it is worth the expense if it saves your son or daughter from having an accident. The state motor vehicle department has statistics to prove that youngsters who take behind-the-wheel auto driving courses have considerably fewer accidents than those who have not taken the course. I recommend consideration of employing a driver training teacher.

Two teachers left Alstead this year. Mr. James Cahill was replaced by Mr. Stanley Johnson who formerly taught in Tilton, N. H. Mr. Roger Weeks was replaced by Mr. Paul Robbins and Mr. Roy Miner. Formerly, one music teacher served Alstead and Walpole. Two teachers now serve the towns, giving the same amount of time, however, one teacher specializes in instrumental

music while the other specializes in vocal music. Mr. Bruce Kibbee was employed as an additional teacher for grade eight, coming to Alstead from a similar position in Candia, N. H.

Enrollment January 7, 1955														Total
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Vilas									28	28	17	27		100
Elem.	22	13	27	16	11	13	35	26						163
														263

Tuition pupils attending Alstead schools:

	Elem.	Junior High School	Senior High School	Total
Marlow			13	13
Langdon	10	14	22	46
Acworth	1	14	11	26
Lempster			6	6
Gilsum			1	1
Stoddard			2	2
Other towns			3	3
				97

Tuition pupils from Alstead attending other schools:

Grade	1	2	3	5	Total
Gilsum	2	2	1	1	6
Surry			1		1
					7

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and citizens for their splendid cooperation.

ELLIOTT W. KEACH,  
Superintendent of Schools



## ALSTEAD SCHOOL MUSIC

The principal emphasis in elementary school music is singing and the development of good vocal habits. Love of music and a strong desire on the part of the pupil to perform music well are the results most earnestly sought. But these by no means comprise the full extent of music study in the Alstead schools, nor the benefits the pupils gain from that study.

A considerably more varied program has been planned to achieve desirable results that will carry over into other phases of the student's current and future life. Among these are the development of coordination, good speech habits, precise team work, good reading habits, a release of inhibitions, a capacity for straight-line thinking, accurate listening, a social understanding on the part of the pupil not only of his own times and environment but of others.

Among the phases of music study other than singing which contribute to the achievement of these results are: (in the lower three grades) rhythmic responses to music such as simple dances, marching, musical games, the playing of rhythm band instruments and (in the upper three grades) music reading, folk music of our own country and times and that of others, a gradual refinement of tonal consciousness, the development of accurate listening and good speech habits, etc.

The vocal music supervisor meets with each elementary school class for one period of approximately a half hour a week. The class room teacher continues during the ensuing week with the instruction that he begins.

The junior high classes meet for one full hour period a week. The activities at this level include a further development of music reading, part singing, a broadening acquaintance with music of many styles, periods and cultures.

Many students of the upper grades and the junior and senior high classes are participating in the instrumental music program. Approximately thirty five students in the Alstead schools are studying instruments and play either in the Vilas High School Band or the Junior Band. Uniforms for the band have been obtained this year.

Sixty senior high students are voluntarily participating as members of the Vilas High School Chorus. The group has developed considerably since the beginning of the current school year. The full chorus meets for one full hour rehearsal a week and a section of the chorus rehearses during one other period in the week.

The band and chorus have already participated in two Christmas concerts jointly with the Walpole High School groups. Other public performances anticipated during the remainder of the year include a spring concert, participation in the annual Southwest New Hampshire Music Festival, Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Two Vilas High School students were members of the New Hampshire All State Chorus in a performance before the Centennial Convention of the New Hampshire Education Association in Manchester last October. The same two students and three others will be members of the All State Chorus at the All State Concert Festival which is to be held in Claremont on March 31, and April 1, 1955.

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ALSTEAD

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The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1954.  
138 pupils were examined by Dr. William Tatem.

The following defects were noted and reported:

- 1 Inguinal Hernia
- 3 Minor heart murmurs
- 56 Pupils were in need of dental care.
- 55 Pupils had dental care.
- 16 Pupils had enlarged tonsils.
- 241 Vision tests were done by the school nurse.
- 6 Pupils had an eye examination and defect corrected by doctor.
- 140 Hearing tests were done by the school nurse.
- 112 Pupils had patch test for tuberculosis.
- 35 Pupils and teachers had chest X-rays.

Home visits were made by the school nurse which I feel were profitable to parents and the school.

24 pupils attended pre-registration clinic.

ELLEN L. MCAFEE  
School Nurse

## VILAS HIGH SCHOOL 1953—54

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Eighteen students graduated in the class of 1954—seven boys and eleven girls. Five boys are working, one is in the Air Force and one in Preparatory school. Three girls are married—two are working, four are attending college and two are studying nursing.

The honor students for 1953-54 were—Mildred Jackson is attending Fisher Junior College; Patricia Smith is studying nursing at Greenfield Massachusetts Hospital; Joan Blodgett is married; Arlene Pare is attending North Hampton Business College.

Autumn Tuthill represented Vilas at Girls' State and William Batchelder represented Vilas at Boys' State.

Ernest Rhodes and Morris Putnam attended the Y. M. C. A. Conference in Concord.

Vernard Hurd won the oratorical contest and represented Vilas at the Regional Contest.

Kathryn Allen was chosen as our Good Citizenship girl.

The California Reading, Language and Arithmetic tests have been administered to the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. These tests show the weaknesses of the students and remedial work is being conducted to strengthen the students in the phases of these weaknesses.

The student Council has played an important part in our school program this year.

Our Traffic Patrol should be given some recognition for the important work which they do during the year. We still have a traffic hazard due to the narrow road by Mr. Curriers.

The new elementary school has relieved a congestion which existed in the High School and the citizens of the town are to be congratulated for their splendid support of this new building.

New courses added to our curriculum this year are Civics, and problems of democracy. Senior, Sophomore and Freshmen English classes are now working in two divisions. We are offering chemistry and physics every year. A special course in typing is also being offered to those not taking the commercial course.

We wish to thank David Walsh for the splendid reference books which he gave to the school.

### Girls' Athletic Program

For the girls of Vilas High School the athletic program provides an integral part in their growth as socially stable young people. An earnest attempt is made to help the girls develop qualities of leadership and cooperation, and at the same time master specific skills of coordination and learn rules of various games.

The Girls' Athletic Council, consisting of student-elected supervisors of sports and junior and senior varsity cheerleaders sponsored one of the major social events of the school year, the annual A. A. dance, on November 12, 1954.

The high school girls have attended three play days during the past year, two as guests of Springfield, Vermont High School, and one as guests of Bellows Falls High School. No girl has attended more than one of the three, thus providing for every high school girl the opportunity to participate in at least one of these sports days.

During the fall the sports program included tennis, volley ball, archery which was greatly enhanced this year, and soccer, which was played for the first time in several years.

On January 19, 1955, the Girls Council sponsored a basketball play-day with Our Lady of Monadnock Academy of Jaffrey. This very satisfactory affair was not an interscholastic competition, but a cooperative team venture accomplished by forming teams of girls from each school.

During the fall the noon-time athletic program for junior high school girls was supervised by a senior girl. One period per week is scheduled for physical education classes for grades 5 and 6, and one for grades 7 and 8. Each of these classes is student-directed.

Interscholastic competition has been conducted in basketball and will be scheduled in archery, tennis and softball for the spring months.

### Mathematics

The mathematics program at Vilas High School is designed to serve two groups of students—those who will terminate their formal education upon graduation and those who will go on to further training.

We must help those terminal students to prepare for the fields that they may choose. Whether it be business, industry, homemaking, science or the armed forces, they will find a knowledge of math practically indispensable for success. For the continuing student we must do all possible in preparation for later studies.

It is hoped that a knowledge of mathematical skills will be only one of the results of our program. To this should be added an appreciation of math as an aid to our technical development, and a more systematic pattern of thinking developed as a result of problem solving.

As in the past, Mr. Heman Chase of East Alstead has made it possible for the advanced math class to take several field trips. During these trips the class sees application of trigon-

ometry in surveying, becomes familiar with the use of surveying instruments, and learns to appreciate the work of the surveyor. This type of application gives the student appreciation and realization of the worth of the subject that is difficult to produce in the classroom.

At present Vilas offers the following courses in math: Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Plane Geometry, Advanced Math and a remedial course in General Math for those seniors who show a need for it.

### Vocational Agriculture

Because New England farming is diversified on the whole, almost every phase of agriculture is investigated to some extent. Poultry and dairy problems are in the most abundance, however.

Results of the interscholastic judging contest at Durham were quite good in that the team of poultry and egg judges, Paul Putnam and Donald Whipple, took first place. Paul, as the highest individual, will go to Harrisburg, Pa. next fall to enter the North Eastern Poultry Producers Cooperative Contest.

Greenhouse production is still very good. The group is looking forward to the repayment of several bonds this year.

The second Sears Roebuck Foundation calf was awarded to Bernadette Burke, one of the best potential dairy students. A pure bred Holstein was purchased for her from the John Lawrence farm in Chester, N. H.

At fair time a pure-bred Jersey calf was given to the department by the Holmes' farm in Langdon and was presented to Leonard Christie, one of the most promising dairy students in the freshman class.

This year a precedent was broken with the admission of three girls into the course. They are taking an active interest and, of course, participate in all activities.

One of the requirements of a student of agriculture is that he engage in a supervised farming program for six months during each school year. The monetary value of the programs carried on last year was about \$6,000.00.

In order to support an adequate course in vocational agriculture help by parents and townspeople is necessary. It often happens that nearly unused buildings and land can benefit a student's program or make it possible for him to enroll in the department.

### Commercial Department

In keeping with the general aim of preparing students for office work the Office Practice class will start the second semester working on individual projects. The first half of the year was

spent on the general topics that are covered in office work. The annual winter issue of the *Vernacular* was published and the valuable experience gained was worth the hard work involved. During the remainder of the year the class will be broken into groups and individuals to work on the various machines that we have available. Among these a new duplicating machine which has been very useful in producing programs and tickets for activities together with duplicating material for teachers to use in their classes.

The addition of two new typewriters has relieved the heavy demand but the two typing classes now being taught are using every available machine.

Shorthand which is usually taken by juniors is being offered to some seniors this year due to the small junior class. The number in the class is restricted to the number of typewriters as shorthand is taken in conjunction with typing. The general aim in a one year shorthand class is to develop a good background and shorthand vocabulary that may develop into further use if the student so desires.

General Business became a required subject for freshmen this year and, consequently the class is a very large one. The main subjects that are studied in this course are grouped under the headings of Banking, Insurance, Communication, Transportation and Business Organization with special emphasis on the arithmetic involved in these sections.

### One-Act Play Contest

On April 1, 1954, Vilas High School entered the one-act play competition plays which were held at the Hubbard Gymnasium, Walpole, New Hampshire. Vilas entered the dramatic competition with its production of "Prize Money" by Pearl Holloway. Those students participating in the play were: Norris Edson, Donald Winham, Patricia Relihan, Joan Blodgett, and William Heywood.

"Father Says No" was Charlestown's entry while Walpole presented the play production "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

The judges proclaimed the Walpole cast victorious with its production of "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

### 1954 Graduation

To climax their secondary education, the graduating class of Vilas High School, chose for their theme, "The Pan American Union." All members of the class participated in giving brief accounts of the history of these Southern Nations, their customs, and their relationships with the United States. South American music added much color as well as enjoyment to the commencement program.



The Salutatory address was given by Miss Patricia Smith. The Valedictory speech was presented by Miss Mildred Jackson.

Mrs. Mary Burroughs, Chairman of the School Board awarded the diplomas to the nineteen graduates.

The program was concluded with the singing of the "Alma Mater."

### English Department

The English Department is continuing its two-fold program which includes the studying of literature and grammar.

The department feels that such a program is absolutely necessary since our universities as well as our society, demand that high school students be well-versed in both these fields.

The English Department feels that its objectives are being fulfilled since measures have been taken for homogeneous groupings.

The Remedial Reading Program, which was instigated last year, is still being continued. This program is not only being offered to the seventh grade, but also to the eighth grade students. The purpose of the course is to assist those students who are handicapped in the techniques of reading.

The department feels that much progress has been made in helping those students who are handicapped to overcome some of their reading difficulties.

To conclude the activities for the annual Fair Day, three one-act plays were presented in the Vilas auditorium by the junior high and high school students. The seventh and eighth grade students presented the play "His First Shave." The freshman and sophomores presented the play "Hillbilly Hi-Jinks." The junior and senior classes presented the play "The Kick Off."

These plays were well received by the audience.

### Home Economics

Homemaking courses for high school students are divided into two classes; the juniors and the seniors in one class studying the "Home" and the freshmen and sophomores in the other studying "Foods and Clothing."

The study of the "Home" is set up to include aspects of needs of a family, judging values when buying, building or renting a home, planning work and storage centers, applying elements and principles of design, planning backgrounds in the home, becoming familiar with furniture and arrangements, becoming a wise consumer and reducing the cost of maintaining and improving the home. Field trips are part of the program when they seem beneficial.

"Foods and Clothing" is divided by semesters; the first being devoted to the study of nutrition, food preservation, etiquette, wise food buying, meal cookery and meal planning and preparation. The second semester is concerned with clothing construction, fabric selection and proper methods of caring for clothes.

Home projects play an important role in these high school courses, and so parental co-operation along this line is greatly appreciated.

The greatest change in the homemaking program occurred on the Junior High level. With the introduction of "Homemaking for Teenagers" the young enthusiasts are offered a continuous program for two years. Their classes meet three periods a week instead of the usual two. This enables them to have a more varied program without too much repetition.

The American Agriculturist Award for outstanding work in the field of homemaking was awarded to Dorothy Merrell.

#### Future Homemakers of America

The F. H. A. girls began their new year as co-sponsors of the 18th annual Vilas High School Fair. We all felt that the results were most satisfying.

In September the girls met and elected the following officers:

President—Yvonne Monty

Vice-President—Virginia Campbell

Secretary—Marian Tuthill

Treasurer—Kathryn Allen

Parliamentarian—Isabel Buffum

Historian—Sydney Butler

Sydney Butler was elected as our state parliamentarian at the spring meeting held at Laconia.

Marian Tuthill served as one of the hostesses at the North Atlantic States Regional Meetings held at the University of New Hampshire in July.

Our club was well represented at the fall meeting of the F. H. A. held in Keene on November 18th. Fourteen of our members were present.

Our projects for this year have included such activities as participating in the World Christmas Festival for Youth and Children, helping a needy family at Christmas, and making colorful draperies for the clothing laboratory in our school. Social activities have also been an integrated part of our program.



## FINANCIAL REPORT ON NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JANUARY 24, 1955

### Receipts

Sept. 23, 1955	Bellows Falls Trust Co. (bonds & int.)	\$36,250.00
Oct. 13, 1955	Bellows Falls Trust Co. (bonds & int.)	29,249.16
		\$65,499.16

### Expenditures (Construction)

Architect and blueprints	\$ 879.83	
General contract	59,731.37	
Grading	1,353.13	
Insurance	316.80	
Legal fees	364.62	
Clerk of works	500.00	
Construction extras	709.05	
Land purchase	101.00	
Miscellaneous	195.12	
Interest on note, Bellows Falls Trust Co.	114.50	
	\$64,265.42	
Balance on hand		\$ 1,233.74
Receipts: Special appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Expenditures for equipment	3,477.04	
Balance on hand		\$ 522.96

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1955-1956

	Actual Exp'tures 1953-1954	Adopted Budget 1954-1955	Proposed Budget 1955-1956
Administration:			
Salaries of Dist. officers	\$ 278.00	\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
Supt.'s salary, (local)*	*723.19	617.00	700.20
Tax for statewide supervision	394.00	358.00	354.00
Salaries of other admin. personnel	398.15	481.00	462.35
Supplies and expenses	947.35	1,139.00	969.00
Instruction:			
Principal's sal, high and elem.	4,550.00		
Teachers' salaries, high	14,932.84	21,550.00	23,300.00
Teachers' salaries, elem.	16,897.13	20,200.00	20,500.00
Books & instructional aids, high	318.04	350.00	470.00
Books & instructional aids, elem.	242.90	750.00	430.00
Scholars' supplies, high	621.18	750.00	990.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	840.19	1,056.00	810.00
Supplies & other exp., high	563.12	400.00	470.00
Supplies & other exp., elem.	110.44	180.00	180.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors, high	1,558.17	1,750.00	2,800.00
Salaries of janitors, elem.	1,428.14	1,600.00	1,100.00
Fuel or heat, high	1,274.96	1,350.00	1,600.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	804.89	1,350.00	600.00
Water, light, supplies, high	518.30	494.00	780.00
Water, light, supplies, elem.	633.19	1,156.00	720.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs & replacements, high	843.95	1,600.00	600.00
Repairs & replacements, elem.	1,538.32	900.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision, high	309.30	354.00	387.00
Health supervision, elem.	457.62	500.00	555.00
Transportation, high	2,564.15	3,500.00	1,204.00
Transportation, elem.	5,983.00	5,284.00	7,600.00
Tuition, high		200.00	300.00
Tuition, elem.	1,025.00	1,300.00	1,400.00
Special act. & funds, high	314.97	420.00	50.00
Special act. & funds, elem.		25.00	25.00
Federal school lunch, (in and out), high	342.93	335.00	350.00
Federal school lunch, (in and out), elem.	507.37	765.00	650.00
Lawton House			275.00

## Fixed Charges:

Teachers' retirement, high	1,298.75	1,414.00	1,450.00
Teachers' retirement, elem.	1,251.15	1,400.00	1,630.00
Ins., Treas. bonds & exp., high	500.60	350.00	350.00
Ins., Treas. bonds & exp. elem.	750.87	334.00	650.00

## Capital Outlay:

Additions & improvements, high			
Additions & improvements, elem.	149.66		
New equipment, high	376.69	955.00	500.00
New equipment, elem.	65.00	400.00	300.00

## Debt and Interest:

Principal of debt			
Interest on debt		1,050.00	
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Cash on hand, June 30, 1954	\$66,313.51		76,014.55
	6,907.82		
Grand Total	<hr/> \$73,221.33		

	<hr/> \$76,920.00
(Special approp., elem. school equip.)	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$80,920.00

\* State's share \$2,275. Walpole, \$1,915.81. Alstead, \$723.19. Gilsum, \$248.31. Marlow, \$179.44. Surry, \$174.00. Westmoreland, \$384.25.

## ESTIMATED INCOME

	Actual Income 1953-1954	Adopted Budget 1954-1955	Proposed Budget 1955-1956
Balance, June 30, 1953	\$ 1,903.29	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,600.00
Federal aid	1,676.71	1,300.00	1,400.00
National school lunch	850.30	1,100.00	1,000.00
State aid	3,574.74	3,100.00	2,800.00
Local taxation	41,580.26		
Special appropriation	1,225.00		
Elementary school tuitions	4,893.00	6,800.00	5,630.00
Secondary school tuitions	11,621.09	15,000.00	15,675.00
Trust funds	5,293.49	4,500.00	4,500.00
Other	603.45	420.00	420.00
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Total receipts	\$73,221.33	\$37,220.00	\$37,025.00
To be raised by taxation		43,700.00	38,989.55
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Grand total	\$73,221.33	\$80,920.00	\$76,014.55

R E P O R T  
of an audit and examination  
of the accounts  
of the  
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
made by  
THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
July 22 and 23, 1954

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire  
August 6, 1954

C E R T I F I C A T E   O F   A U D I T

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954, and found them to be in good order.

In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1954, and the results of operations for the year under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor.

ROBERT W. FLANDERS, Accountant.

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Comparative Balance Sheets  
 For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1953 and June 30, 1954

<b>Assets</b>		
	June 30, '53	June 30, '54
Cash on Hand	\$1,903.29	\$6,907.82
Accounts Receivable	3,256.78	4,685.02
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Total Assets	\$5,160.07	\$11,592.84
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 423.52	\$ 103.02
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Total Liabilities	\$ 423.52	\$ 103.02
Surplus	4,736.55	11,489.82
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$5,160.07	\$11,592.84

**EXHIBIT B**  
**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Analysis of Change in Financial Condition  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

Surplus - June 30, 1954	\$11,489.82	
Surplus - June 30, 1953	4,736.55	
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Increase in Surplus		\$6,753.27

<b>Factors Affecting Increases in Surplus</b>		
<b>Increases:</b>		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	\$6,204.53	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,428.24	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	320.50	
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		\$7,953.27
<b>Decrease:</b>		
Cash Balance Used to Reduce School Tax	1,200.00	
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Net Increase in Surplus		\$6,753.27

# EXHIBIT C

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Balances Overdraft
Administration:						
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 278.00	\$	\$ 278.00	\$ 278.00		
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	724.00		724.00	723.19	\$ .81	
Tax - State Wide Supervision	396.00		396.00	394.00	2.00	
Salaries - Other Administrative Personnel	444.00		444.00	398.15	45.85	
Supplies and Other Expenses	944.00	\$ 31.13	975.13	978.48		\$ 3.35
Instruction:						
Principal's and Teachers' Salaries	37,465.00		37,465.00	36,379.97	1,085.03	
Books and Other Instructional Aids	841.00	11.39	852.39	597.58	254.81	
Scholars' Supplies	1,546.00	7.35	1,553.35	1,443.47	109.88	
Supplies and Other Expenses	575.00		575.00	673.56		98.56

Operation of School Plant:

Janitors' Salaries	3,300.00	4.40	3,304.40	2,990.71	313.69
Fuel	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,079.85	420.15
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	1,250.00	16.00	1,266.00	1,167.49	98.51
Maintenance of School Plant:					
Repairs and Replacements	2,300.00	125.00	2,425.00	2,506.87	81.87
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health Supervision	765.00		765.00	766.92	1.92
Transportation	7,600.00		7,600.00	8,547.15	947.15
Tuition	420.00		420.00	1,079.25	659.25
Special Activities and Special Funds	75.00	229.20	304.20	329.20	25.00
Lawton House Repairs				214.97	214.97
School Lunch	1,075.00		1,075.00	850.30	224.70
Fixed Charges:					
Retirement	2,317.00		2,317.00	2,549.90	232.90
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses	790.00		790.00	1,251.47	461.47
Capital Outlay:					
Additions and Improvements	275.00		275.00	149.66	125.34
New Equipment	675.00		675.00	441.69	233.31
	\$66,555.00	\$ 424.47	\$66,979.47	\$66,791.83	\$2,914.08
					\$2,726.44

**EXHIBIT D****ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT****Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues  
and Budget Summary****Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954****Revenues**

Source	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Cash Surplus	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
State Aid	3,574.74	3,574.74		
Federal Aid	1,300.00	1,676.71	\$ 376.71	
Tuition	11,800.00	16,568.34	4,768.34	
Trust Funds	4,500.00	5,293.49	793.49	
Other:	1,375.00		78.35	
Rent		595.00		
School Lunch		850.30		
Insurance Adjustment		8.05		
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	\$23,749.74	\$29,766.63	\$6,016.89	

**Budget Summary**

Actual Revenues	\$29,766.63	
Estimated Revenues	23,749.74	
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Net Revenue Surplus		\$6,016.89
Unexpended Balances of		
Appropriations	\$ 2,914.08	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	2,726.44	
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Net Unexpended Balance		
of Appropriations		\$ 187.64
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Net Budget Surplus		\$6,204.53



**EXHIBIT E****ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954**Receipts**

## Local Taxes:

Town Appropriation	\$42,805.26
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## Federal Aid:

Smith Hughes George	
Barden Acts	\$1,676.71
School Lunch Program	850.30
	<hr/> 2,527.01

## State of New Hampshire:

Foundation Aid	3,574.74
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## Other Sources:

Trust Fund Income	\$ 5,293.49
Tuition	16,568.34
Gift	125.00
Rent	595.00
Insurance Adjustment	8.05
Refunds	299.47
	<hr/> 22,889.35

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$71,796.36
Balance, June 30, 1953	1,903.29

Grand Total	<hr/> \$73,699.65
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**Expenditures**

	High School	Elem. School	Total
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## Administration:

Salaries of District Officers		\$	278.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)			723.19
Tax for State Wide Supervision			394.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel			398.15
Supplies and Expenses			978.48

Total		\$	<hr/> 2,771.82
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## Instruction:

Teachers' Salaries	\$18,603.66	\$17,776.31	\$36,379.97
Books and Other Instructional Aids	354.68	242.90	597.58
Scholars' Supplies	595.93	847.54	1,443.47
Supplies and Other Expenses	563.12	110.44	673.56

Total	\$20,117.39	\$18,977.19	\$39,094.58
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## Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Janitors	\$ 1,558.17	\$ 1,432.54	\$ 2,990.71
Fuel	1,274.96	804.89	2,079.85
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	526.30	641.19	1,167.49

Total	\$ 3,359.43	\$ 2,878.62	\$ 6,238.05
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## Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements	\$ 906.45	\$ 1,600.42	\$ 2,506.87
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## Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	\$ 309.30	\$ 457.62	\$ 766.92
Transportation	2,564.15	5,983.00	8,547.15
Tuition	54.25	1,025.00	1,079.25
School Lunch	342.93	507.37	850.30

Total	\$ 3,270.63	\$ 7,972.99	\$11,243.62
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## Special Funds:

Future Farmers of America		\$ 329.20
Lawton House		214.97

Total	\$ 544.17
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## Fixed Charges:

Retirement	\$ 2,549.90
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses	1,251.47

Total	\$ 3,801.37
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## Capital Outlay:

Additions and Improvements to Buildings	\$ 149.66
New Equipment	441.69

Total	\$ 591.35
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Total Expenditures	\$66,791.83
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Balance, June 30, 1954	6,907.82
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Grand Total	\$73,699.65
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## EXHIBIT F

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and  
Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

Balance, June 30, 1953	\$ 1,903.29	
Receipts during Year	71,796.36	
	<hr/>	\$73,699.65
Expenditures during Year		66,791.83
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Balance, June 30, 1954		\$ 6,907.82

## Proof of Balance

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, as per Statement of June 30, 1954	\$12,955.95	
Less: Outstanding checks	7,724.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,231.11
Add: Deposit Not Credited, July 9, 1954	1,676.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,907.82

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

Date	Place	Babys Name	Fathers Name	Mothers Maiden Name
Aug. 26	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Michael Wayne	Richard Gale Bath	Roberta Monty
Aug. 20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Deborah Leslie	Lewis Brooks	Harriett Smith
Aug. 11	Keene, N. H.	Michael Arthur	William Duffy	Grace Ackroyd
Mar. 12	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Robert Kenson	Robert Esslinger	Katherine Pedersen
Aug. 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Elizabeth	Charles Lique	Elizabeth Mudgett
Oct. 12	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Glen Edward	Elmer Moore	Alberta Griffin
May 7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Lawrence Arthur	Robert Paulson	Robina Wallace
July 23	Keene, N. H.	Robert Howard	Harvey Pratt	Doris Rowley
June 2	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Mary Elizabeth	Page Riley	Noreen Pearse
Aug. 11	Keene, N. H.	Everett Leroy	Clarence Simonds	Bertha Pratt
Sept. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Michael John	Forrest Stevens	Margaret Pelkey
Feb. 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Jean	David Walsh	Mary Pratt
May 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Kenneth Howard	Kenneth Wilkey	Madelyn DuVarney
Mar. 21	Keene, N. H.	Robert Edwin	Robert Wilson	Ruth Collins
Aug. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Donald Harold	Donald Wood	Helen Slade

## MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Name	Residence
June 20	Alstead, N. H.	Kenneth Horzig	Surry, N. H.
		Joan Blodgett	Alstead, N. H.
Aug. 8	Alstead, N. H.	Bernard Wilson	West Lebanon, N. H.
		Janice Butler	Alstead, N. H.
Oct. 31	Sunapee, N. H.	George Craig	Alstead, N. H.
		Maxine Goff	Newport, N. H.
Mar. 13	Alstead, N. H.	Donald Dinsmore	Alstead, N. H.
		Margaret Donnelly	Alstead, N. H.
Feb. 14	Alstead, N. H.	Charles Bascom	Charlestown, N. H.
		Lois Grant	Alstead, N. H.
Feb. 28	Westminster, Vt.	Elmer Moore	Alstead, N. H.
		Alberta Griffin	Alstead, N. H.
Aug. 29	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ivan Head	Alstead, N. H.
		Arlene Parker	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Sept. 24	Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Louis Kervella, Jr.	Alstead, N. H.
		Jane Jenisch	Troy, N. H.
Dec. 8	Peterboro, N. H.	Richard Monty	Alstead, N. H.
		Hermona Buss	Claremont, N. H.
July 17	Walpole, N. H.	Richard Huntley	So. Charlestown, N. H.
		Doris Pare	Alstead, N. H.
Sept. 12	Cambridgeport, Vt.	George Garland	Bellows Falls, Vt.
		Henrietta Pedersen	Alstead, N. H.
Jan. 24	Alstead, N. H.	Bernard Perry	Athens, Vt.
		Doris Westcott	Alstead, N. H.
June 29	Alstead, N. H.	Romaine Bacon	Charlestown, N. H.
		Margaret Wright	Alstead, N. H.

## DEATHS

Date	Place	Name	Age
Aug. 12	Keene, N. H.	Thomas W. Bennett	62
Aug. 17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Herbert D. Gale	84
Oct. 29	Alstead, N. H.	Edward Sanford Griffin	79
Nov. 5	Alstead Cent., N. H.	John J. Hyde	84
Mar. 31	Hanover, N. H.	Herbert H. Lakin	62
July 6	Alstead, N. H.	Fred Rand	72
Sept. 1	Alstead, N. H.	Catherine Sonosky	64
Jan. 20	Alstead, N. H.	Russell Vilroy Warner	65
Feb. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Jean Walsh	12 days

## BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR BURIAL

Mar. 6	Bethesda, Md.	Helen Kirk	83
July 19	Mineola, N. Y.	Mary E. Hovey	73
Aug. 19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Lottie Rumrill	56
Jan. 19	Hanover, N. H.	Flint Tuttle	43

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages, and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GRACE E. ELLIS, Town Clerk



